



**Press Conference
January 28, 2005**

- 1. Maple Avenue Nursing Home:** According to Brandon Nikolish of Liesch Environmental & Health Care Property Investors they will start taking bids January 24th, bids will be opened February 15th and demolition will start March 1st. Attached is a short explanation of the flood problem on Maple Avenue, courtesy of Troy Swan, city engineer department.
- 2. Waste Water Treatment Plant:** During the December and January rain events the waste water utility crews worked 18-24 hour days (over 1600 combined man hours). They worked to keep lift stations running, street drains cleared and collection system lines unclogged. Average flow went from 10 million gallons per day (MPG) to 50 MPG. When the river began rising they were taking in river water through the CSO for over a week. We had approximately 10 ½ inches of rain in the first two weeks of January. We would like to commend Bill Goodrich and his crew for the outstanding work through these rain events.
- 3. Leaf Pickup:** We're continually looking at the leaf pickup situation. Currently the street department begins leaf pickup at or around October 22 to the end of the year, weather permitting. This includes four to five days of overtime, costing approximately \$190,000 in total wages. The city has seven leaf vac machines, each costing \$40,000, these leaf vac machines are used two months a year. Our contract with Jamax Corporation calls for YEAR ROUND pickup of yard waste at a cost of \$290,000 per year.
- 4. Interagency Meetings:** Please see attached.
- 5. EPD Statistics:** Please see attached.